

Heber Valley wool, lamb show slated

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HEBER CITY — The first Heber Valley Wool and Lamb Celebration will be held next July, sponsored by the local Woolgrowers Association and Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce with the support of the National Woolgrowers Association.

The sponsors plan to promote the event throughout Utah and surrounding states and intend for it to become an annual regional celebration.

They point out that woolgrowing has been a major industry in the Heber Valley since it was first settled and an annual celebration of this kind is in keeping with that heritage. In fact, during the 1930's more sheep left the Heber train depot than any other single depot in the United States, according to a Heber Creeper Railroad brochure.

Jim Peterson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, said local

woolgrowers hope to promote the sheep industry in the Heber Valley, "even to the point of having a regional processing plant in the valley that would employ dozens of people."

The July event will include lamb competition, lamb raising, breeder shows, sheep dog trials, sheepherder wagon displays, wool weaving classes and demonstrations, lamb cookoffs and a lamb barbecue, as well as music and entertainment, according to Peterson. He said they hope to be able to use the fairgrounds, tabernacle grounds and high school facilities.

"It could bring hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes and revenue," said Peterson. Woolgrowers are anxious to provide products, food and activities. However, they want it to be a community activity and invite participation from churches of all demonstrations, service clubs, youth groups and individuals.

Workshop set for sheepmen

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Sheep producers can learn about the program to eradicate keds from Utah sheep and other topics important to their industry at a workshop conducted by Utah State University Extension Feb. 10 in Provo.

Craig Burrell, USU Extension area livestock specialist in Provo, will discuss the ked eradication plan being fostered by the Utah Wool Growers Association and USU Extension.

The two organizations have asked sheep producers in Utah to voluntarily treat every sheep for keds each year through 1989.

Other topics and speakers at the workshop will be:

- Elisa blood test, Clell Bagley, USU Extension veterinarian.
 - Demonstration on skirting and sorting wool, Lyle McNeal, professor, USU animal, dairy and veterinary sciences department.
 - Guard dogs and predator control, Jeff Green, U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Station, Dubois, Idaho.
 - Update on grazing study at Cedar city, Gary Snowden of Southern Utah State College.
- The workshop will begin at 7 p.m. in the USU Extension classroom, 160 N. 200 W. in Provo.

Series of dog poisonings prompts warning in Heber

HEBER CITY (AP) — A series of dog poisonings in the past week has prompted the Wasatch County Sheriff's Department to issue a warning to residents to keep a careful watch on their children and pets.

As of Thursday, 13 dogs had died from poisoning, said Wasatch County Sheriff Edd Thacker. He said it appears someone drove along rural roads in the Daniels area the night of Jan. 23, tossing out hot dog and ham-

burger scraps laced with poison. Although authorities have collected meat scraps from the roads, Thacker said he is worried some poison meat still may be unrecovered.

"We're cautioning residents to control their children and animals and not allow them to roam in areas where they might pick up some of the poison bait," he said.

Deputies were waiting for test re-

sults from the state crime laboratory and a federal laboratory in Mississippi to identify the type of poison used. The Humane Society has joined the sheriff's investigation and is offering an additional \$500 reward.

Note: 1986 Utah Crop 400,000

Sevier sheepman hailed

VENICE, Sevier County — A Venice farmer and stockman, Melvin Harris, is the recipient of the "Sheepman of the Year" award from the Utah Registered Sheep Breeders Association.

Harris, who has been recognized for his outstanding purebred Suffolk and Columbian sheep, has raised sheep at Venice for the past 18 years.

Harris has been a member of the Utah Wool Growers Executive Committee, a member of the National Ram Sale Sifting Committee and has held positions in the local Wool Growers Association. He has also been recognized by the National Columbian Association for service to and promotion of the sheep industry. The Harris enterprise has been a family affair. Members show sheep at the state and national shows and have been involved in 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs.